**Enterprise Databricks Workspace Implementation Action Plan**

This **Databricks Workspace Implementation Action Plan** is a continuation of our Enterprise Databricks Metastore, Cluster Management, and SQL strategies, focused on delivering a secure, governed, and scalable collaborative environment for data engineering, analytics, and machine learning.

It reflects our commitment to centralized governance, operational efficiency, and user empowerment, ensuring that all workspaces are configured consistently, aligned to enterprise security standards, and ready to support diverse workloads.

**Strategic Objectives**

* Centralized Workspace Governance  
  Standardize workspace configurations across environments  
  Ensure consistent policies for security, access, and resource limits
* Scalable Collaboration  
  Enable streamlined onboarding and workspace provisioning  
  Support cross-functional teams with clear organization and permissions
* Security and Compliance  
  Enforce enterprise-grade security controls  
  Ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and audit readiness
* Operational Excellence  
  Optimize performance, usage monitoring, and cost transparency

**Phase 1: Design and Configuration Standards**

**Workspace Architecture**  
Define workspace hierarchy across environments (development, staging, production).  
Establish naming conventions for clarity and traceability (for example, prod\_data\_workspace, dev\_ml\_workspace).

**Network and Security Controls**

Configure private network connectivity (VPC/VNet).  
Enforce IP access lists and secure cluster connectivity.  
Enable customer-managed encryption keys (CMEK) for sensitive data.

**Workspace Feature Standards**  
Define default configurations for:

* Feature enablement (Unity Catalog, Databricks SQL, MLflow)
* Workspace limits (cluster quotas, DBU limits)
* Credential passthrough and identity federation

**Phase 2: Access Controls and Governance**

**Role-Based Access Control**  
Integrate with enterprise identity providers (Azure AD, Okta).  
Define default workspace roles and permissions:

* Admins
* Engineers
* Analysts
* Service principals

Enforce least-privilege access across all workspace assets.

**Workspace Object Governance**  
Implement Unity Catalog to manage:

* Tables and views
* Notebooks
* SQL dashboards

Tag workspace objects with sensitivity classifications.

**Phase 3: Enablement and Self-Service**

Develop workspace onboarding guides.  
Provide sample projects, notebooks, and dashboards.  
Create best practice documentation for:

* Folder organization
* Secret management
* Collaboration workflows

Conduct training sessions for user groups.

**Phase 4: Monitoring, Cost Management, and Optimization**

Enable usage and audit logging to track:

* User activity
* Query execution
* Cluster consumption

Set up cost dashboards and alerting.  
Review usage patterns and adjust quotas as needed.

**Phase 5: Compliance and Security Validation**

Validate encryption at rest and in transit.  
Enable workspace audit log delivery.  
Confirm compliance with GDPR, SOC 2, HIPAA (as applicable).  
Review incident response plans for workspace security events.

**Phase 6: Pilot and Continuous Improvement**

Select pilot teams to test:

* Workspace provisioning workflows
* Governance policies
* Collaboration features

Gather feedback and refine configurations.  
Establish quarterly governance reviews.

**Success Metrics and KPIs**

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| **Goal** | **Target** |
| Workspaces configured to enterprise standards | 100% |
| User onboarding time | Less than 2 business days |
| Compliance violations | 0 |
| User satisfaction with workspace experience | 85% or higher positive feedback |
| Cost transparency and allocation coverage | 100% of workspaces |

**Timeline and Milestone Tracker**

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| **Phase** | **Key Activities** | **Timeline** |
| Phase 1 – Design and Configuration | Define standards, naming conventions, network/security configs | Month 1 |
| Phase 2 – Access Controls | Set up RBAC, integrate identity providers, enforce policies | Month 2 |
| Phase 3 – Enablement | Develop guides, sample assets, and training materials | Month 2–3 |
| Phase 4 – Monitoring & Cost Mgmt | Enable usage logging, build cost dashboards, set up alerts | Month 3 |
| Phase 5 – Compliance Validation | Validate encryption, audit logs, compliance requirements | Month 3 |
| Phase 6 – Pilot and Feedback | Pilot with selected teams, collect input, refine configurations | Month 4 |
| Organization Rollout | Phased deployment to all business units | Month 5–6 |
| Continuous Improvement | Quarterly reviews, KPI tracking, updates | Month 7 onward |

**RACI Matrix**

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| **Roles:**   * Data Platform Lead (**DPL**) * Data Engineering Team (**DE**) * Security & Compliance Team (**SC**) * Analytics Enablement Team (**AE**) * Business Unit Leads (**BU**) | **Legend:**   * A = Accountable (owns the outcome) * R = Responsible (executes the work) * C = Consulted (provides input) * I = Informed (kept up to date) |

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| **Activity** | **DPL** | **DE** | **SC** | **AE** | **BU** |
| Define workspace standards | A | R | C | C | I |
| Configure network and security controls | A | R | C | I | I |
| Set up RBAC and identity integration | A | R | C | C | I |
| Implement Unity Catalog governance | A | R | C | C | I |
| Develop onboarding guides and sample assets | C | C | I | A | R |
| Enable audit logging and monitoring | C | R | A | C | I |
| Build cost dashboards and alerts | C | A/R | I | C | I |
| Validate compliance and encryption | C | C | A/R | I | I |
| Pilot rollout to selected teams | C | R | C | A | R |
| Full rollout to all business units | A | R | C | C | R |
| Quarterly governance reviews | A | C | R | C | I |

**Final Word**

This Databricks Workspace Implementation Action Plan is fully aligned with our Enterprise Metastore, Cluster Management, and SQL strategies, delivering a secure, governed, and scalable platform for collaborative analytics and data science.

By unifying these efforts, we are realizing the vision you articulated:

*"Centralizing data governance and focusing on scalability, compliance, and risk mitigation will undoubtedly lead to a more secure and efficient data environment."*

Through this initiative, we are creating a future-ready environment where teams can collaborate confidently, data is protected by design, and operations are optimized for success.